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C O N F I D E N T I A L KIGALI 740

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SUBJECT: OCAM MEETING AND ANGOLA

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1. OCAM - AS ANTICIPATED REFTEL, OCAM FONMIN MEETING
AVOIDED POLITICAL TOPICS AND ANGOLA NOT RAISED FORMALLY.
WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THERE WERE NO INFORMAL MEETINGS ON
ANGOLA, BUT SUBJECT WAS PROBABLY TOUCHED ON DURING SEVERAL
OF MEETINGS BY INDIVIDUAL DEL HEADS WITH RWANDAN PRESIDENT
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HABYARIMANA. NO NEW GROUND OR CONCERTED ACTION WAS

APPARENTLY UNDERTAKEN.

2. COUNTRY VIEWS - RADIO RWANDA RAISED ANGOLA WITH DEL HEADS AS THEY ARRIVED AND ALSO AFTER MEETINGS WITH RWANDAN PRESIDENT. DEL HEADS REPEATED WHAT WE ASSUME WERE STANDARD POSITIONS AS FOLLOW:

BENIN - WILL PARTICIPATE OAU SESSIONS BUT IT NECESSARY THOSE "PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE" FOR "SAD STATE EF AFFAIRS" ALSO ZDPRESENT. ORIGINALLY RECOGNIZED NO MOVEMENT, BUT WHEN "MASKS WERE REMOVED" AND "MERCENARIES APPEARED", BENIN DECIDED SUPPORT MPLA AND POPULAR REPUBLIC.

NIGERN- SOLUTION IS TO BE FOUND IN A NATIONAL UNION FOR A GOLA COMPOSED OF MANY PARRTIES.

GABON - RECOGNIZES NONE OF MOVEMENTS. ATTENDANCE AT OAU WILL DEPEND ON EVENTS.

IVORY COAST - RECOGNIZES ALL THREE MOVEMENTS. HAS URGED THEM TO STOCK ARMS, END FRATRICIDAL WAR AND FORM COALITION GOVERNMENT. EVADED RESPONSE TO QUERY SOUTH AFRICAN MERCENARIES.

PIOGO - FOLLOWS OAU POSITION OF NOT RECOGNIZING ANY MOVEMENT AND HOPING FOR NATIONAL UNION. MEETING "IN NAIROBI" WILL DETERMINE IF NECESSARY SEND "AFRICAN MILITARY FORCE" TO AREA.

BURUNDI - RECOGNIZES NO GLPNMENT AND SUPPORTS NATIONAL UNION.

UPPER VOLTA - KEEPS AN "ANXIOUS EYE" ON FRATRICIDAL COMBATS IN ANGOLA.

SENEGAL AND TOGO FONMINS DEPARTED OCAM EARLY STATING NECESSITY PREPARE FOR OAU ANGOLA MEETING. YEDNCT SVBTAND TEEY TRANSITTED KINSHASA FOR GOZ CONSULTATIONS.

3. USSR AMB - DURING RECEPTION DEC 15, SOVIET AMB (WHO IS PENSION-WAITING BUREAUCRAT WHO SPEAKS NO FRENCH AND THUS ACCOMPANIED CONTINUALLY BY INTERPRETER) TOOK VIEW USSR "NATURALLY" ENGAGED IN AID TO MPLA WHICH IT RECOGNIZES AS ANGOLAN GOVT. HE REFUSED ACKNOWLEDGE ANY CUBAN OR SOVIET PRESENCE SAYING SUCH ALLEGATIONS CARRIED ONLY WESTERN PRESS. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE US AMB COMMENTS ON US-USSR DETENTE, HE STATED "ANGOLA SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED
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TO BECOME GRAVE ENOUGH ISSUE TO AFFECT LARGER AMERICAN AND SOVIET INTERESTS." WITH REGARD US AMB COMMENT ON ETHNIC ORIGINS CONFLICTING PARTIES, HE COMMENTED "ANY REASONABLE MAN CAN RECOGNIZE NO ONE GROUP CAN CONTROL ALL OF ANGOLA".
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